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SUBJECT: OVERVIEW FOR 1976-1977 CASP

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1. PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON MISSION STAFFING TO
THE END OF THE OVERVIEW TRANSMITTED REFTEL:

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17. I CONSIDER THE STAFFING OF THE MISSION COUNTRY-WIDE ADEQUATE
THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF THE CASP, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS
OF ADDITIONAL STRENGTH IN THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM, AN
ADDITIONAL OFFICER IN THE EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION, AND PERHAPS
AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR OFFICER FOR RIO.

18. WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MET OUR BASIC NEEDS BY REALIGNING STAFF
RATHER THAN REQUESTING NEW POSITIONS. AS A CURRENT EXAMPLE, WE
ARE DEFINING MORE PRECISELY THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES
BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND AMCONGEN RIO FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC/
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COMMERCIAL POLICY AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES, CURRENTLY

PERFORMED IN PART BY THE ECONOMIC SECTION IN RIO, AND THE CORRESPONDING FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL APPROPRIATE TO ITS GEORGRAPHIC JURISDICTION. THIS HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN A REQUEST TO TRANSFER ONE POSITION TO THE EMBASSY AND OTHER SUCH TRANSFERS MAY BE IDENTIFIED DURING THE CASP PERIOD.

19. WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM, HE GUIDANCE FROM THE WASHINGTON ACTION GROUP FOR THE COMMERCIAL PROGRAM SUGGESTS THAT ARA MIGHT FAVORABLY CONSIDER SHIFTING STRENGTH FROM OTHER POSTS TO PERMIT US TO PLACE AN FSO-5 AND A BRAZILIAN COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT IN THE ATTRACTIVE PROSPECTIVE MARKET OFFERED IN BELO HORIZONTE AND MINAS GERAIS FOR US EXPORTS. WE ALSO BELIEVE WE COULD ENHANCE OUR COMMERCIAL REPORTING ACTIVITIES INCURITIBA BY REQUESTING A PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION TO SUPPORT THE USIS EMPLOYEE WHO IS DOING COMMERCIAL WORK IN ADDITION TO HIS USIS DUTIES.

20. I SEE A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT THE LEVEL OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN BRAZIL WILL PROGRESSIVELY INCREASE. WE MAY, IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THIS CASP PERIOD, HAVE A NEED FOR ANOTHER OFFICER IN THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE EMBASSY BUT I WOULD PREFER TO WITHHOLD JUDGMENT ON THIS, PROBABLY UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S CASP.

21. IN THE "CONSULAR PACKAGE - FY 1977" WE REQUESTED THAT EXISTING PART-TIME POSITIONS OF A CONSULAR CLERK IN BRAZILIA AND BELEM RESPECTIVELY BE CONVERTED TO FULL-TIME POSITIONS, IF POSSIBLE, IN FY 1976. THE PROJECTED WORKLOAD DATA FROM AMCONSUL RIO SUGGESTS A POSSIBLE NEED IN FY 1977 FOR AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR OFFICER. I HAVE GIVEN THIS LATTER REQUEST ONLY PROVISIONAL CONCURRENCE SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN FY 1977. UNQUOTE CRIMMINS

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